

## FAQ'S TO ASSIST WITH HOSPITAL CALCULATION

[EHR Incentive Program] Will nursery days be included as inpatient-bed-days in the calculation of hospital incentives for the.....

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### **Are nursery days and nursery discharges (for newborns) included as acute-inpatient services in the calculation of hospital incentives for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs?**

No, nursery days and discharges are not included in inpatient bed-day or discharge counts in calculating hospital incentives. We exclude nursery days and discharges because they are not considered acute inpatient services based on the level of care provided during a normal nursery stay.

Pages 44450 and 44453 of the final rule preamble explain that for the Medicare calculation, the statutory language clearly restricts discharges and inpatient bed-days to those from the acute care portion of a hospital. This is because of the definition of "eligible hospital" in section 1886(n)(6)(B) of the Social Security Act.

Page 44497 of the final rule explains that statutory parameters placed on Medicaid incentive payments to hospitals are largely based on the methodology applied to Medicare incentive payments. Therefore, as Medicaid is held to the same parameters as Medicare, the same limitations on counting inpatient bed-days and total discharges apply to Medicaid hospital incentive calculations.

To view the final rule for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR incentive programs, please visit:  
<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-17207.pdf>.

For more information about the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, please visit  
<http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms>.

[EHR Incentive Programs] What cost report data elements are used in the EHR incentive payment calculation for Medicare Subsection (d) Hospitals?

**What cost report data elements are used in the EHR incentive payment calculation for Medicare Subsection (d) Hospitals?**

The current Medicare cost report, Form CMS 2552-96, will be used until the implementation of the new Medicare cost report, Form CMS 2552-10. The CMS 2552-96 data elements are as follows:

- Total Discharges - Worksheet S-3 Part 1, Column 15, Line 12
- Inpatient Part A Days - Worksheet S-3 Part 1, Column 4, Line 1 + Lines 6 through 10
- Inpatient Part C Days - Worksheet S-3 Part 1, Column 4, Line 2
- Total Inpatient Days - Worksheet S-3 Part 1, Column 6, Line 1 + Lines 6 through 10
- Total Charges - Worksheet C Part 1, Column 8, Line 101
- Charity Care Charges - Worksheet S-10, Column 1, Line 30

The CMS 2552-10 data elements are as follows:

- Total Discharges - Worksheet S-3 Part 1, Column 15, Line 14
- Inpatient Part A Days - Worksheet S-3 Part 1, Column 6, Line 1 + Lines 8 through 12
- Inpatient Part C Days - Worksheet S-3 Part 1, Column 6, Line 2
- Total Inpatient Days - Worksheet S-3 Part 1, Column 8, Line 1 + Lines 8 through 12
- Total Charges - Worksheet C Part 1, Column 8, Line 200
- Charity Care Charges - Worksheet S-10, Column 3, Line 20

For information about the cost report data elements that are used in the Medicaid hospital incentive calculation, please see FAQ #10771.

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